

Remarks

A. Pending Claims

Claims 753-801 and 853-860 are pending.

B. Power Of Attorney

A Power of Attorney naming the undersigned has been filed.

C. Double Patenting

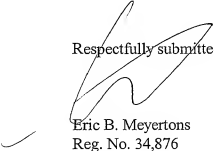
Claims 753, 800, and 801 were provisionally rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting over claims 634, 651, and 652 of copending Application 09/969,022. Claims 753, 800, and 801 were provisionally rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting over claims 743, 751, and 752 of copending Application 09/969,019. Claims 753, 800, and 801 were provisionally rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting over claims 583, 632, and 633 of copending Application 09/970,161. With respect to this last rejection, Applicant believes that the Examiner intended to refer to claims 583, 632, and 633 of copending Application 09/969,015. Applicant respectfully disagrees that the claims of the present application would result in double patenting in light of the cited applications, but to expedite prosecution, a terminal disclaimer is enclosed to overcome the nonstatutory double patenting rejections.

D. Additional Comments

Based on the above, Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

If any extension of time is required, Applicant hereby requests the appropriate extension of time. If any fees are omitted or if any additional fees are required or have been overpaid, please appropriately charge or credit those fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel Deposit Account No. 50-1505/5053-46912/EBM.

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